



COLORADO

Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Spinal Cord Injury (HCBS-SCI) Waiver Amendment Summary

February 20, 2015

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will be submitting a waiver amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Home and Community-Based Services for persons with a Spinal Cord Injury (HCBS-SCI) waiver. Home and Community-Based Services waivers provide an alternative to the comprehensive long-term care services delivered in institutional settings by waiving certain Medicaid provisions and allowing these services to be delivered in community settings.

The waiver amendment includes the following changes to the HCBS-SCI Waiver:

- The addition of Hospital level of care to the waiver's eligibility requirements. The inclusion of Hospital level of care would enable the Department to serve individuals who are at risk of institutionalization in either a nursing facility or a hospital.
- Identifies the Department as responsible for managing the waitlist for the waiver. This identification will enable Department creation of a more formal waitlist process.
- Changes accountability for the Building, Fire, and Life Safety Code for health facilities licensed by the State of Colorado from the Department of Public Health and Environment to the Department of Public Safety. This change aligns with legislation passed to transfer the enforcement and certification for Building, Fire and Life Safety Codes.
- Updated cost projections to account for a 2% rate increase that was approved by the General Assembly on July 1, 2014.

